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### **COUNTY SEEKS ADDITIONAL WAYS TO DETER ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**

FREDERICK, MD -- The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today announced plans to explore the expansion and implementation of new policies, regulations and ordinances that will deter illegal immigration and the resulting impact on crime, taxpayer costs and unfair competition for local businesses.

The board hopes to build upon efforts by Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, who successfully implemented the [287\(g\) ICE](#) program and was ranked by Fox News as the second toughest sheriff in the country on illegal immigration.

The commissioners directed the Office of the County Attorney to review the legal ramifications and make recommendations regarding: 1) an ordinance initiated by the former board that would establish English as the official language in Frederick County, 2) a requirement for area businesses to use the [E-Verify system](#), 3) prohibiting the harboring of illegal aliens in rental properties such as apartments, 4) and the prohibition of day labor sites and the solicitation of employment in traffic.

Board President Blaine Young said, "Frederick County recognizes the extreme burden placed on our citizens by those who enter our area illegally and then expect to benefit from our outstanding school system, our employers and our quality of life without making the same sacrifices as our taxpaying residents. We are proud that our county is known to be non-friendly to illegal immigrants and we are looking at ways to improve upon successful initiatives like the 287(g) ICE program. Our doors are open to legal immigrants, but we are interested in taking steps to diminish and curtail illegal activities by those who drain our resources and are challenging the way we live and do business in our county.

"Frederick County is the only county in the state of Maryland with the 287(g) ICE program thanks to Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. Working with him and our local businesses, we will review ways to make Frederick County even more unfriendly toward illegal aliens."

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The county commissioners will work with the Sheriff and Chamber of Commerce to look at implementing business policies that deter illegal immigration. This issue has come to the surface recently due to media reports regarding a murder in Frederick County by an illegal immigrant who was previously arrested for armed robbery and then deported. He entered back into the country and worked at a local food establishment under falsified documentation before committing the murder.

Currently, there is a program in Frederick County Government's Purchasing Department for addressing illegal immigrants. Rules prohibit the hiring of illegal aliens by companies who bid for and perform work for the county. The county does not knowingly hire illegal aliens through direct employment or through its vendors, contractors or their suppliers or subcontractors. The county expects its vendors, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations concerning lawful entitlement to work in Frederick County, the State of Maryland and in the United States of America.

All those who contract for services with the county are required to verify in writing that they do not, and shall not employ under a contract an illegal alien or any individual while knowing the illegal alien or individual is not authorized to work within the United States or without otherwise complying with all requirements of the federal immigration and nationality laws, including verification and record keeping requirements.

The commissioners hope to hear back from the County Attorney's Office in 30 – 45 days and will then schedule a public meeting to discuss the findings and recommendations.

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